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Leitingen, 23<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1857.

My dear Mr. Ass. Gray,

The commissaries at Bremen (Finca & Co. & Co.) writes me to-day, that his inquiries about the unhappy boat (containing Mr. Wright and Fincher's party), which he had made as well at Harre as at Southampton, have been wholly without result, and that the agents are of the opinion, that the boat must have been left at New York. I hasten to inform you of this state of the matter, that you may be able to adopt such measures as you think expedient: the name of the steamer, by which according to the letters they had now to come over, was the North Star of the Vanderbilt line and it arrived

in Grimshafen in the middle of October,  
with the letter, but without the shell. In  
case of fracture I hope, that it was  
inward, and that Quaker set of  
them collections might be sent. Since  
a long, to whom the shell was  
benignant, have of course sent their  
reclamation to the commission of  
New York, but perhaps with it prove  
more caputious, if in acquaintance  
of your case particularly about  
the matter. It seems in very uneasy,  
that I cannot now investigate  
into Wright's plants, the more so,  
as in Hooker's Journal of Botany  
somebody has announced, that I  
wrote American those plants, and  
as I have more leisure this winter,  
than perhaps at a later period.

Truly and affectionately Yours,  
A. Grisebath.